

The Commissioners asked how the Town of Sykesville's numbers are derived and are they represented accurately on the Annual Report. Barb Kearney, County Planning Liaison, said she would circulate the data showing the breakdown of Sykesville incorporated area and the rest of the unincorporated area in the Freedom District.

Joint discussion with Carroll County Planning Commission about the Freedom Comprehensive Plan

County Members in attendance:

Phillip Hager, Director, Dept. of Land Use, Planning and Development

Thomas Devilbiss, Deputy Director, Dept. of Land Use and Development

Alec Yeo, Chairman

Charles M. Chadwick, Vice Chairman

Dennis E. Wertz

Matthew S. Helminiak

Richard J. Soisson

Eugene A. Canale

County Commissioner in attendance:

Doug Howard

The Carroll County Planning Commission was present to discuss the current review and update of the Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan to better coordinate on goals and implementation measures between each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sykesville Comprehensive Plan language in Chapter 2, Section III, Comparison to Freedom District Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, it says, "The Town will continue to impress upon the County the need to limit growth in the Eldersburg/Freedom District so as to not undermine the shared regional facilities and services and limit the negative traffic patterns on the town." The Town Commissioners indicated the concern is for there to be an adequate plan to deal with development, such as having nearby sections of Route 32 to have a Sykesville identity, instead of a generic look. In discussing gateways, a recommendation was made by the County to create a task force focused on gateways, perhaps even a county-wide task force.

Mechanisms of communication were discussed. The example of the BGE Substation at Raincliffe was used and it was suggested that the County expand their notification protocol.

Other topics included: the Gaither Manor septic system and implications if the County must absorb that service when the permit expires in 2014; the development of the Warfield Commerce & cultural Center, and limited school capacity in the Freedom District.

Phil Hager suggested consider on yearly basis Joint meetings; have these joint meetings with other towns too.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gidget Gill